

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/812,944	WESTENDORF ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Cheryl Lewis	2167	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Cheryl Lewis. (3)_____.

(2) Fahd Patel. (4)_____.

Date of Interview: 26 May 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: _____.

Identification of prior art discussed: Sumino et al. Publication No. 2006/0064330.


Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


 Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The applicant's representative identified that the prior art, Sumino et al., does not qualify as prior art under 35 USC 102(e). The instant application (10/812944) is entitled to priority dates March 31, 2003 and August 30, 2003 in accordance with PCT applications PCT/EP03/04518 and PCT/EP03/03334. The Examiner cannot rely on the Japanese priority date cited in the Sumino et al. publication.

The Examiner has agreed to withdraw the finality of the instant application (10/812944) and issue a new non-final office action.